

Childers Recognized for Protecting American Manufacturers, Fighting for American Jobs

Earns NAM Award for Manufacturing Legislative Excellence

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Washington, DC – The National Association of Manufacturers (NAM), the nation's largest industrial trade association, announced Congressman Travis Childers (MS-01) as the newest recipient of the NAM Award for Manufacturing Legislative Excellence for his outstanding voting record on behalf of America's manufacturing community. Childers was [one of only twelve Members](#) of his party to receive the Award from NAM.

“During our nation's ongoing economic recovery and in the face of an increasingly global economy, it's absolutely essential that we protect American businesses and jobs,” said Childers. “That's why I'm so honored to be recognized by the National Association of Manufacturers for my pro-business, pro-jobs record. I will keep fighting to support the competitiveness of our nation's manufacturers and bring jobs back to Mississippi.”

“The Award demonstrates lawmakers' true understanding of manufacturing's key role in our economy and their willingness to cast the critical votes that will boost competitiveness, job creation and prosperity for manufacturers,” said John Engler, NAM President and CEO. “The United States remains the world's largest manufacturing economy, but manufacturing's leadership is under fire, facing its toughest competition in the nation's history. It is critical that our policymakers understand what is at stake and seek to implement policies that will foster innovation, growth and competitiveness.”

Eligibility for the award is based on how Members of Congress vote on key manufacturing issues, which the NAM outlines prior to floor action. Members of Congress who support the NAM's position on at least 70% of those votes receive the award.

Rep. Childers' proven record of supporting manufacturing initiatives includes the following:

- **Passed the *Home Star Energy Retrofit Act*.** A bipartisan bill which creates jobs to boost the American clean energy economy, reducing our dependence on foreign oil, and saving American families \$9 billion over 10 years. The bill provides rebates to homeowners who install energy-saving products and reduce energy use in their homes.

- **Passed the *America COMPETES Reauthorization Act*.** Providing innovative technology federal loan guarantees for small- and medium-sized manufacturers, to help them access capital to become more efficient and stay competitive. The bill promotes working to assist small- and medium-sized manufacturers in reducing their energy use and environmental waste.

- **Passed the *Rare Earths and Critical Materials Revitalization Act of 2010*.** Establishes in the Department of Energy (DOE) a research, development, and commercial application program to assure the long-term, secure, and sustainable supply of rare earth materials to satisfy the national security, economic well-being, and industrial production needs of the United States.

- **Passed the *AMERICA (American Manufacturing Efficiency and Retraining Investment Collaboration) Works Act*.** To require that certain Federal job training and career education programs give priority to programs that provide a national industry-recognized and portable credential.

*A pro-gun, pro-life Mississippian, Congressman Travis Childers (MS-01) represents the First Congressional District in North Mississippi. He is a member of the fiscally conservative Blue Dog Coalition and serves on the House Agriculture and Financial Services Committee. Congressman Childers co-chairs the reestablished bipartisan Congressional Rural Caucus and was appointed to the bipartisan Second Amendment Task Force. For more information, visit [w
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